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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 9:00 a.m. Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Criminal Justice was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Heise, Webber, Howrylak, Courser, Lucido, Guerra, Hovey-Wright, Chang.

Members absent/excused: None.

The Chair laid HB 4248 before the committee:

HB 4248 (Afendoulis) Crimes; other; provisions relating to the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner", use of contemptuous language under certain circumstances, use of indecent language in presence of women and children, and improper disposal of refrigerator; repeal.

Representative Afendoulis testified in support of his bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair laid HB 4247 before the committee:

HB 4247 (Howrylak) Animals; dogs; provision relating to collars, harnesses, and leashes on dogs in public places; repeal.

Representative Howrylak testified in support of his bill.

Jill Fritz, representing the Human Society of the United States, submitted a card in support of the bill.

Matt Blakely, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair laid HB 4249 before the committee:

HB 4249 (Webber) Crimes; trespassing; certain trespassing provisions; repeal.

Representative Webber testified in support of his bill.

Matt Blakely, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, submitted a card in support of the bill.

The Chair laid HB 4250 before the committee:

HB 4250 (VerHeulen) Recreation; athletics and sports; prohibition against certain endurance contests such as walkathons; repeal.

Representative Afendoulis testified in support of the bill.

Jim Casha, representing himself, testified in support of the bill.

The Chair laid HB 4251 before the committee:

HB 4251 (LaFontaine) Agriculture; animals; prohibition on sale of artificially colored baby chicks, rabbits, or ducklings; repeal.

Representative Afendoulis testified in support of the bill.

Matt Blakely, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Matthew Lyson, representing the Michigan Duck Rescue and Sanctuary, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Mackenzie McInnis, representing herself, testified in opposition to the bill.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Jill Fritz, representing the Humane Society of the United States.

Bill Zaagman, representing the Michigan Humane Society.

Carrie McGowan, representing the Michigan Political Action Committee for Animals.

Alicia Prygoski, representing the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund Cooley Law School.

Representative Lucido moved to adopt the March 17, 2015 minutes. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Representative Kurt Heise, Chair_____

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